

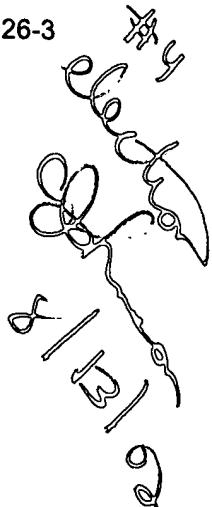


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Application of)
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Movable Diffractive Optical)
Element)



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office action mailed June 25, 2002.

REMARKS

Applicant has been required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

The Examiner has identified the following species:

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| Species I | claims 1, 3, 17, 31, and 32 |
| Species II | claims 1, 2, 4-6, 17, 18, 20, 32, 36, and 37 |
| Species III | claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 17, 18, 20, 31, 32, and 36 |
| Species IV | claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 17, 18, 20, 31, 32, and 36 |
| Species V | claims 1, 9, 17, 24, and 32 |
| Species VI | claims 1, 10, 17, 25, and 32 |
| Species VII | claims 1, 11, 17, 26, and 32 |
| Species VIII | claims 1, 12, 17, 27, and 32 |
| Species IX | claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 17, 18, 28, 29, 32, 36, and 38 |
| Species X | claims 1, 15, 17, 30, and 32 |
| Species XI | claims 1, 2, 4, 16-18, 31, 32, 36, and 39 |
| Species XII | claims 1, 2, 17, 19, 21, 22, 32, and 36 |
| Species XIII | claims 1, 2, 17, 19, 21, 23, 32, and 36 |
| Species XIV | claims 1, 17, 32, and 33 |
| Species XV | claims 1, 17, 32, and 34 |
| Species XVI | claims 1, 17, 32, and 35 |

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